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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents and  
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*  
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SUBJECT: Green Ribbon Schools Announcement

The Green Ribbon Schools program was launched last year by the U.S. Department of Education to recognize schools that save energy and reduce operating costs, create environmentally friendly learning spaces, promote student health, and provide environmental education to incorporate sustainability into the curriculum.

The Michigan Department of Education will participate again this year in the initiative. In 2011-2012, three Michigan schools received recognition awards: Clarkston High School, Detroit Edison Public School Academy, and Springfield Plains Elementary (Clarkston Public Schools). For 2012-2013 application materials, resources, and more, visit: [http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6530\\_2629-271090--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6530_2629-271090--,00.html).

If you have any questions, please contact Patty Cantú, Director, Office of Career and Technical Education at: [cantup@michigan.gov](mailto:cantup@michigan.gov) or (517) 335-5224.

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